

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the amendments as detailed above in the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification

The amendments to the specification, as detailed above, merely seek to incorporate priority information.

Amendments to the Claims

The Amendments under PCT Article 34 filed on December 15, 2003 and April 28, 2004 amended claims 1, 37, 84 and 123. All other claims were left unchanged.

The present Amendment cancels claims 23-36, 47-65, 67-80, 89-107 and 109-118; and amends claims 1, 22, 37, 41, 66, 81, 84, 108, 119 and 123-124. Claims 2-21, 38-40, 42-46, 82-83, 85-88, 120-122 and 125-126 remain unchanged.

The present Amendment seeks to correct typographical or clerical errors and to modify claim dependency. Specifically, claims 1, 37 and 84, as amended, recite "a prodrug moiety" for variable R₅. This language finds support *inter alia* in paragraph [0036] page 14 of the specification as filed. Claims 22, 66 and 108 have been rewritten in dependent form, and incorporate the subject matter of (now canceled) claims 23-36. Claims 37 and 84 have been rewritten in dependent form, and now depend on claims 1, 9 and 15. Claim 41 has been amended to correct claim dependency. Claim 124 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

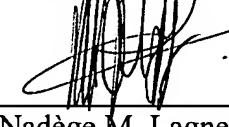
The proposed amendment does not introduce new matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his/her time and consideration. If a telephone conversation would help clarify any issues, or help expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-5150.

It is not believed that fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that any additional fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,



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